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Trip Report to American Chemical Services, Pazmey Drum Corporation,
and City Hall in Griffith, Indiana

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Discussions were held with members of American Chemical Services, Pazmey Drum Corporation, City Hall of Griffith, Indiana, U.S. EPA, Weston, contractors for U.S. EPA, and the Indiana State Board of Health (ISBH) regarding any additional information that could be gathered concerning the scope of work designated for this particular area.

Glen Reyome, Director of Public Works, for the City of Griffith was the first of whom we spoke to. Glen said to his knowledge, the City had leased approximately 30 or more acres of land from ACS and eventually purchase them for the Griffith City Landfill. He said the city pumped all their leachate into the Hammond sewer system. He mentioned that the city never accepted any liquid waste nor disposed of any in the landfill. He said the city accepted solid waste only (e.g. crushed refrigerators, garbage, etc.). Glen said that anybody who wanted to dump waste in the landfill needed a permit to do so before such actions could commence. He also mentioned that the landfill is on well water and also the surrounding area from Broad Street to south on Avenue H.

The next visit was to James Tarpo, president of ACS. James Tarpo immediately told us that he was on the IPL because he was accused of wrong doings by the State of Indiana. He wanted to know if TAT was to make a return visit to ACS. I told him I didn't foresee TAT making an immediate trip back to ACS in the near future for anything, because ACS wasn't deemed to be an emergency removal situation. James Tarpo said the solvent that was brought in from generators were never purchased back as reclaimed products, which was in direct contradiction to the report written by Techlaw. He did say they made oils, plasticizers, and additives for gasoline, as was stated in Techlaw's report. Mr. Tarpo said that all his products have been made from raw materials that were shipped in to him. He said approximately 2-3 million gallons of material are produced per year.

The next visit was made to Robert Pazdro, president of Pazmey Corp. Robert expressed that he didn't know much about what John Kapica did, but did say both of them didn't get along too well. He said he knew that John Kapica buried drums in the field while cutting the ends off and placed them upside down letting the contents spill into the ground.

All three respondents showed us around their sites.

Notice letters will probably be sent to the three parties to negotiate a RI/FS Work Plan.

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